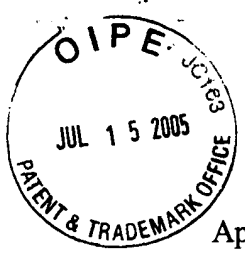


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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated May 12, 2005, having a shortened statutory period expiring on August 12, 2005. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

No Amendments to the Specification or Drawings are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are presented in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.